

Injury / Near Miss Investigations

One of the main purposes of an Injury/Near Miss Investigation is to determine the root causes of an incident and prevent recurrence. This is accomplished through the implementation and follow up of corrective and preventive actions.

Corrective and Preventive Actions

A corrective action means a situation has been re-instated to its original/ideal state. Using Slider Sheets for repositioning a patient who is dependent is a corrective action. A preventive action will put into place arrangements which will prevent a recurrence, to ensure Slider Sheets are available and used to keep both the worker and patient safe.

Using the 5 Why's in Injury/Near Miss Investigations

Using the 'Five whys' approach can help to identify the root causes of an Injury/Near Miss. By asking 'Why?' up to five times, you can investigate the root causes of an incident and identify preventative actions to prevent an incident happening again. This technique aids us in making preventative actions in addition to corrective actions.

Patient Repositioning Using Slider Sheets Example

Why was the worker injured?	The worker used excessive force when repositioning the patient
Why did the worker have to use excessive force?	The worker did not use sliders to reduce the friction of the task?
Why were sliders not used to reposition the patient	There were no Slider Sheets available in the patient's room
Why were there no Slider Sheets available in the room?	The worker did not adequately stock the patient's room with proper equipment (Slider Sheets)
Why did the worker not have the patient's room equipped with Slider Sheets?	There were no Slider Sheets available in the storage room.

Corrective Action: Using Slider Sheets for repositioning a patient who is dependent

Preventive Action: Have adequate number of Slider Sheets available at all times



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